School Social Work Association of America
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2019 SSWAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARDS
• Brenda Lindsey
• Pat Childs
• Tamara Butler
• Amy Grant
2019 SSWAA LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD
• Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL)
Bill Nelson served as United States Senator (D-FL) from 2001-2019. His legislative advocacy efforts focused on issues such as a cleaner environment, better education, economic opportunity, and programs that benefit children.
• Robert Runcie
As leader of the nation’s sixth-largest school district, Richard W. Runcie is committed to the vision of *Educating Today’s Students to Succeed in Tomorrow’s World*. That vision includes the need for school social workers. Since taking office, Superintendent Runcie has invested over $3.6M in SSW services, a 51% increase. Through a referendum that he supported, that support will increase to over $5.3M, a 76% increase, moving closer to full-time SSW in each school.
2019 SSWAA BOOK AWARD
• Oxford University Press
Oxford University Press put forward a pair of related books. Both books were spearheaded by Ron Astor and Rami Benbenishty and both are extensions of large-scale, multi-site, international research projects.
Mapping and Monitoring Bullying and Violence: Building a Safe School Climate presents an innovative approach to track the geographical locations of violence and bullying incidents. This model then allows school administrators, teachers, social workers, counselors, parents, and other community stakeholders to coordinate resources to hot spots.
Welcoming Practices: Creating Schools that Support Students and Families in Transition offers a model for ways that school staff can proactively make students transitions easier.
2019 SSWAA NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR
• Terriyln Rivers-Cannon
Dr. Terriyln Rivers-Cannon is a School Social Worker for Atlanta Public Schools. She earned a Doctorate of Educational Leadership degree from Argosy University and an MSW degree from Florida State University. Dr. Rivers-Cannon is President of the School Social Work Association of Georgia where she has been instrumental in enhancing leadership opportunities for social workers. She has also taken leadership roles nationally and currently serves on the SSWAA Endowment Board.
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CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
• Kathleen Armenta
Kathleen Armenta is a retired Clinical Associate Professor for the University of Texas at Austin. She received her MSW degree from Arizona State University. Mrs. Armenta has devoted her career to school social work and social work education. She has presented numerous times at the SSWAA National School Social Work Conference, has published a number of articles on supporting resilience of youth and families, and served as chair of the Texas School Social Work Conference for many years.